



WHO DEPENDS ON YOU?

YOUR STUDENTS?

YOUR SPOUSE?

YOUR PARENTS?

YOUR PETS?

September is *National Preparedness Month*, *National NOAA Radio Month*, and September 11th is *National 9-1-1 Day*. As a school administrator or teacher you have been given the task of training our nation's most precious asset - our children. If a disaster happens, the parents of the children expect you and the school to take care of them until they can be reunited.

When you stop to think about it - there may be many people who *depend* on you. You may have children who you will be worried about. What will your elderly parents do? Are your pets able to take care of themselves when you are unable to get to them.

To assist you in preparing yourself, your family, and your school we have gathered our best preparedness information. The enclosed CD has materials that will educate, enable, and empower you to "get prepared". The CD includes:

- **Posters/Flyers for the September 16, 2009, 10:15 a.m. Drop, Cover, & Hold Drill.** We included 10 large posters for distribution thought your school - just insert the correct date. The date box was purposely left off the school poster in case you need to drill on a different day. Print more if you need them.
- **Family, Home, and Neighborhood Materials** that will show you what actions to take so you will be better prepared to survive a disaster or other event—like a power outage or winter storms. A great items to purchase is a NOAA Weather Radio - programmed properly it will notify you of impending weather situations, which will allow you time to take appropriate actions.
- **Teaching Aids** meant to assist you in your social science classes when you are discussing Earthquakes, Tsunami, or Volcanoes. If you would like copies of the children's booklets, please send an email to PublicEducation@emd.wa.gov.

If you liked this information and want more - check out the "Preparedness Section" of our website at www.emd.wa.gov. There you will find weblinks to more preparedness information, how-to streaming videos, and other materials that will increase your knowledge about the types of disasters that can happen in Washington State. Please feel free to duplicate any of the materials and distribute to your teachers. Your local emergency management office should be able to assist you with your preparedness efforts. If you would like to contact them, please go to www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_neighborhoods.shtml, find the Washington State map (lower right) and click on your county. Cities that have independent emergency management offices are listed under the county.

Thank you for taking the time to review the information provided on the CD. Remember - Practicing your earthquake procedures is important. **For the safety of your students, please select a date and conduct a Drop, Cover, & Hold Drill.**

